



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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F R E E

## Van Tassel gone as superintendent – sort of

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Although the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education has terminated its superintendent's contract with Michael Van Tassel immediately, Van Tassel will still be serving as consultant as needed up to ten hours a week until January 31, 2017.



Van Tassel

As consultant, he will generally be off district property, but could be brought inside if the interim superintendent determines it is needed.

He will be paid \$290,528 separation, which the board said is a \$166,956 savings

to the district from what it could have paid.

The board also put Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green in place as interim superintendent with a pay upgrade of \$100 per day over her current contract. This appointment can be terminated at any time with or without cause.

Members of the audience did not like the administrator who "carried water" for Van Tassel to be put in this position and said they though she might continue the pushing out of teachers that had been done under Van Tassel.

Barbara Rogalle Miller suggested they call the Wayne RESA for assistance, since it has a list of individuals with credentials who are ready to take short terms as interim superintendents.

Miller said Green was part of an administration that the community has shown a lack of confidence in. The ISD will properly vet the person who knows the assignment will be temporary.

She asked what credentials Green has and board president Brent Mikulski said they are not going to respond to questions and the audience yelled out.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said, "We're at a crossroads. She's not interested in the job and will pitch in to help. She does know the district and knows what's going on. If it's overwhelming, she can back out with two week's notice and if we find she's not up to it, we can stop it."

Members of the huge audience at Monday's two-and-a-half-hour school board meeting agreed that getting rid of Van Tassel was

just the first step and other things must be done to win back the confidence of the community.

The board held a 44-minute closed-door session 10-minutes after the opening of the meeting. Trustee Sherry Frazier asked to have the closed-door meeting held after the regular business, so members of the audience would not have to wait for them.

But board president Mikulski rejected that and put the private meeting before business items – causing the long wait before the action began.

Several real estate businesspeople were in this audience, along with teachers and parents and concerned members of the community. Also present were reporters

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## City Council OKs 30 more years of DDA tax captures

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its meeting on Feb. 16, the Belleville City Council approved the Downtown Development and TIF Plan 2015 Amendment that keeps the DDA in place for another 30 years.

At the public hearing on the plan, Mike Renaud, who sits on the planning commission, spoke against the proposal which allows the DDA to capture much of the city's tax income.

"I'm all for the downtown," Renaud began. "We've really dressed it up. Now, it should be just ongoing maintenance."

He pointed out that out of every tax dollar, the DDA gets 40 cents and the city gets the rest. He said 26 years ago, the city got the whole dollar.

But then the DDA was organized and the tax base grew from \$7.5 million to \$32 million.

"We had a 30-year plan that included Victoria Commons," he said.

"Now, we're saying we want to keep the same plan base for another 30 years," Renaud said.

The DDA does give the city money for maintenance of the district, but the city has under-funded pension and medical accounts and some of the employees haven't had raises in eight years, he said.

"I've been here 15 years and only one new building has been put up – and it's not the DDA's fault."

He said they have to look at the DDA's tax capture this year of \$733,000. The city gets \$1.1 million in taxes and 40% of every dollar goes to the DDA fund.

"The city can't pay its employees," he said, proposing the city take Victoria Commons out of the DDA and reset the start point. He said he knows there's a tax advantage, but he can't begin to figure that out.

"We put together this document and nobody looks at it," Renaud said of the DDA/TIF (tax increment financing) plan being approved.

He said the city provides police support for the DDA district and the police get 1993 dollars. He suggested the assessments to the DDA aren't enough.

"The rest of the city is really struggling," Renaud said.

Later, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said that the DDA is trying to arrest the

deterioration of downtown. The taxes paid to the community college, library, and metroparks stay in the city of Belleville with a TIF plan.

Thompson said the better part of a year was spent planning this amendment and

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## Van Buren Township board, LDFA meet on dismissed Visteon suit

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees met in closed-door session on Monday afternoon and the VBT Local Development Finance Authority met behind closed doors on Tuesday afternoon – both times to discuss Visteon.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said on Tuesday morning that Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Muriel Hughes dismissed the VBT suit without prejudice, saying it had been filed prematurely.

"Without prejudice" means it can be filed again in the future.

"We're disappointed, but working with counsel to reevaluate our options," said

Supervisor Combs.

Detroit media announced that VBT is closer to financial pitfalls after Judge Hughes issued the final order for summary judgment on Feb. 18.

VBT was suing Visteon to try to get it to pay for the bonds that will be due in 2017 and will be beyond the township's ability to pay.

The suit alleged Visteon breached its contract over bonds tied to construction of the 263-acre campus between Ecorse and Tyler roads and east of I-275.

Attorney Kaveh Kashaf filed suit against Visteon on behalf of the township on July 2, 2015.

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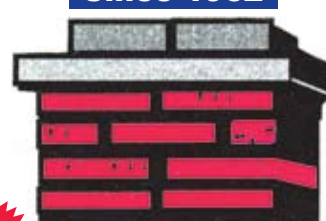
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## Keystone Academy teachers, administrators list salaries for 2015

These are the teachers and administrators and their annual salaries for 2015 as reported by National Heritage Academies which operates Keystone Charter Academy located on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township.

Teachers and administrators in the State of Michigan are required to be named and their wages listed for the state registry.

These teachers and administrators working at Keystone Academy are hired and paid by National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids. Under the law, NHA is not required to give out any more information than what is in the state registry listing.

Keystone is a free, public school academy serving 768 students in grades K-8 and operating under a charter contract issued by an authorizing body – Bay Mills

Community College.

The Keystone Academy Board has entered into a services agreement with NHA, an educational service provider.

Through this services agreement, NHA is responsible to provide for the day-to-day operations and staffing at the school including the school's leadership team and teachers. Consequently, Keystone does not have any employees.

Also, NHA, a private company, does not have to reveal individual benefits nor give any information on how much employees may or may not pay for benefits.

Rosemary K. Otzman,  
Editor

## VBT Planners may set aside proposed Lake Ordinance for revisions

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a meeting at the BYC and another informational meeting at the Van Buren Township Hall last week, both with more than 80 unhappy people present, a recommendation was made to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission to set the proposed Lake Ordinance aside until changes could be made.

A public hearing on the ordinance was set for Feb. 24 and in a Feb. 19 letter to the planning commission, Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers and Deputy Director Matthew Best recommended the public hearing be held, but then the ordinance should be removed from consideration.

They attached a list of 77 questions the public asked at the Feb. 17 public meeting.

"The most frequent comment/concern received, which was specific to the proposed ordinance, was focused on the provisions of the ordinance which stated that no buildings or structures were vested on township-owned property and that the township could force the removal of buildings or structures at any time without cause and place a lien upon the adjacent property for the cost of removal.

"While there was language built into the proposed ordinance to address lawful existing uses, many of the people who attended the presentations felt that a written clarification in the proposed ordinance was needed to further define what the specific meaning of 'lawful existing' is.

"Another comment/concern which was

commonly received was that members of the public felt that additional public input should have been sought during the development stages of the proposed ordinance. Many of the residents who attended the two meetings were concerned regarding the amount of authority the proposed ordinance gave the township and potential long-term impacts of this authority," the letter said.

"Based on the items listed above and comments received in the public informational meetings, it is clear that the majority of the residents who reside around the lake have serious concerns regarding the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

"It is my belief that at this point in order to address the issues and problems that the proposed ordinance was intended to resolve, the township will need to make further efforts to work with residents and stakeholders to come to a mutually agreeable solution," Akers and Best wrote.

The *Independent* went to press before the planning commission meeting so what the commission decided to do will be reported in next week's paper.

At the Feb. 17 meeting, Patrick Sloan from McKenna Associates planning consultants gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the lake and provisions of the ordinance.

"This is just ridiculous," called out a man from the audience. "You said the presentation would take 20 minutes

Keystone Charter Academy 2015 Employee Wages	
Employee	Wages
<b>Academic Specialist</b>	
Reed, Stacey	\$55,458.42
Strecker, Rachael	\$42,525.18
<b>Deans</b>	
Hartsock, Katherine	\$60,394.67
Henry, Paula	\$64,015.74
Pepper, Rachel	\$50,000.08
Taunt, Jamie	\$54,834.83
<b>Registrar</b>	
Bradley, Diann	\$45,064.66
<b>Office Administrator</b>	
Davies, Stephanie	\$12.30 per hour
<b>Principal</b>	
Godfrey, Keturah	\$88,055.97
<b>Teachers</b>	
Bachakes, Jennifer	\$55,025.15
Ball, Laura	\$47,365.55
Burden, Sara	\$46,081.36
Cannon, Jill	\$38,732.30
Carpenter, Jared	\$41,260.54
Carty, Elsbeth	\$43,807.30
Chuang, Cindy	\$43,406.90
Despres, Luran	\$44,153.20
Eifert, Michelle	\$61,446.94
Heisner, Amy	\$47,698.56
Herman, Melanie	\$42,630.22
Jackson, Chelsea	\$38,732.30
Johnson, Nicolle	\$40,888.22
Kaminski, Tracy	\$40,888.22
Kujala, Laurie	\$44,387.82
Lauren, Mechelle	\$38,732.30
Layton, Amanda	\$54,595.63
LeBlanc, John	\$38,843.38
Letts, Renee	\$37,352.22
Lumbardo, Andria	\$41,615.18
Mallari, Robyn	\$53,195.38
McNulty, Michelle	\$47,883.47
Montri, Sheila	\$58,707.79
Mushenheim, Jaclyn	\$48,792.64
Nalepa, Satcy	\$42,809.94
Peters, Heather	\$45,957.39
Poole, Ellen	\$40,888.22
Williams, Amy	\$41,244.11

Williams, Corey	\$23,520.33
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Wood, Carolyn	\$48,820.10
<b>Special Education Teachers</b>	
Kaplan, Andrea	\$56,948.30
Terrell, Monique	\$38,472.30
<b>Speech Language Pathologist</b>	
Olson, Marie	\$57,400.10
<b>Long Term Substitutes</b>	
Berry, Jason	\$110 per day
Dobreff, Tracci	\$110 per day
<b>Substitutue Teachers</b>	
Anderson, Barbara	\$90 per day
Demolen, Jennifer	\$90 per day
Hooks, Gwendolyn	\$90 per day
Laborde, Tina	\$90 per day
Nathan, Cindy	\$90 per day
<b>Occupational Therapist</b>	
Buchanan, Michele	\$26,864.70
<b>Library</b>	
Piotrowski, Christina	\$47,241.17
Henderson, Melissa	\$13.83 per hour
<b>Paraprofessionals</b>	
Bradley, Kimberly	\$12.73 per hour
Campbell, Sandra	\$8.50 per hour
Dean, Laura	\$12.72 per hour
Henderson, Melissa	\$13.83 per hour
Henderson, Melissa	\$13.83 per hour
Horner, Jennifer	\$16.58 per hour
Isaacs, Jeane	\$9 per hour
Jeffrey, Timothy	\$13.56 per hour
Reaume, Megan	\$13 per hour
<b>Social Workers</b>	
Rivera, Marilyn	\$17,053.92
Young, Julianne	\$21,644.17
Young, Julianne	\$21,673.50
<b>Recess Aides</b>	
Baziotes, Leigh	\$8.50 per hour
Corbin, Jena	\$8.50 per hour
Douglas, Cheryl	\$8.50 per hour
Dziewit, Maria	\$8.50 per hour
Hagerman, Jettie	\$10.20 per hour
Heringhausen, Lisa	\$8.50 per hour
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and we've been here 40 minutes. Who thought this up? Do you live on the lake? I don't think so."

Sloan said it was taking longer because he was going into detail to explain things. He said he had 10 more slides and then he'll take questions. He said they can post the PowerPoint on the township web site.

One man asked what's "lawful" as referred to in the ordinance, "Just define it."

Sloan couldn't define it and said there will be changes to the ordinance in the future and there will be "stress tests" over the first few years it is in effect.

"If you covered the grandfather clause," stated Jeff Riggs. "Address that and half the room will leave"

"We'd really like to get through this," said Deputy Director Best.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Eric Luke sworn in as Sumpter Chief

On Tuesday, the Sumpter Township board meeting room was packed with members of the Sumpter Police Department (in and out of uniform), family members, a neighboring public safety director, and a retired police chief.

And, also 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green who officially swore in Police Captain Eric Luke as Sumpter's new police chief.

The board action to name Luke as chief was put on the agenda just minutes before the vote. It was a happy occasion and there were cupcakes and lots of pictures taken.

Past Police Chief Jim Pierce recently retired and Capt. Luke was named interim chief. Luke's selection as chief wasn't a surprise, since he has been groomed for the position over the last several years.

He has the distinction of being the first white police chief of Sumpter Township, as far as anyone can remember. He also is the first chief to come up through the Sumpter ranks since Chief Brown.

Chief Luke thanked Chief Clinton Brown who hired him as a 23-year-old officer in the summer of 1994 and gave him a chance. He also thanked Chief Pierce who moved him up the ladder to captain.

Chief Luke said having such a fine group of officers made it a pleasure for him to come into work in the morning. Judge Green also complimented Sumpter for its fine police work.

Best wishes to Chief Luke for a long and successful career.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

In last week's issue we had a dilly of an error in our legal section. The Van Buren Township notice of elections had a listing of those in the presidential primary for both Democrats and Republicans.

Ben Carson was left off the Republican list and Bernie Sanders was left off the Democratic list. We are publishing a new notice of elections this week with everyone in place.

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People have been calling to tell me some of the people on the ballots have dropped out of the race. What if people vote for them and they win and they aren't running? I don't know. I told them I believe if someone wins that isn't running the Republicans or Democrats will just have to deal with it.

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We received two calls Monday morning. A man in Van Buren Township and a woman in Belleville both got calls from the IRS telling them to call numbers right away because they owed the IRS money.

The woman on the message told the VBT man, Phil, that a law suit had been started against him. Donna, in Belleville, said her caller ID read "Roy Smith" and she was told the IRS needed her to call 202-239-5313 right away. She called police and they told her it was a scam.

Phil was told he had to call 202-241-0495, but he knows the IRS sends you a letter if they need to get in contact so he didn't call.

Later in the day, Donna got two more calls from the IRS about her law suit with different numbers to call immediately. She didn't

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Meanwhile, Phil's sister in Taylor got a call from the IRS, too.

Doree Juchartz in Sumpter Township got four calls from the IRS on Monday about an hour apart, with a different woman's voice each time telling her it was her last chance to avoid the law suit. The number she was supposed to call immediately is 202-239-5313.

We kept getting reports throughout the day about these IRS calls and then Tuesday was full of IRS call reports, too.

Ed Quarrels stopped by to say he got two IRS calls on Monday and two on Tuesday.

All this is to urge everyone to be alert if they want to hang onto their money.

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Sometimes we see the local scene mirrors the national scene and that's what I've been thinking lately as I attend local meetings with huge crowds of people who are sick and tired of their politicians and want to get rid of them.

The school fiasco and the great number of people who are telling the school board it needs change is one of the examples.

Then, last week, we had a big crowd of angry people who live around Belleville Lake who are tired of Van Buren Township making up rules to govern their shoreline.

One man said the first goal on the proposed new ordinance is "Preserve the Status Quo" and so that could be done by throwing the ordinance away.

The school board caved to the united

public front and got rid of the board's beloved superintendent and the township may be pulling the lake ordinance from the table for a raft of changes.

The school board blamed the community for upsetting everything with the picketing and letters and petition to fire Van Tassel (with more than 1,900 signatures), and other actions. But, this shows that if the community wants to stand together for what it thinks is right it can get even politicians to change their minds (or at least take the action they want).

Two members of the school board spoke in support of Van Tassel, one spoke against him, and the rest sat with their lips sealed and gave no opinion, except to vote in favor of the superintendent separation and the appointment of his interim replacement.

One member of the audience on Monday said he would like to hear the board members actually talk to the community that elected them.

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On Monday afternoon, we heard on our scanner at home that VBT fire fighters were called to 41555 Bellridge, Building 6, for a possible structure fire. I am happy to report that just a few minutes later they cleared the scene. No fire.

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**Letters**

**While seeking new supt., let's restore discipline**

To the Editor:

What are the parents of students to expect from this current school board with regard to the selection of a new school superintendent now that Michael Van Tassel has "separated" (?) his employment with The Van Buren School District?

Even to the very end this board, with one exception, tried to make it appear that Van Tassel was the victim in this terrible and tragic situation. How in God's name are they to find a qualified and effective administrator when they failed so miserably in the past?

Perhaps now the real problems associated with our school system -- a complete lack of administrative support and unrelenting threats and abusive language towards teachers -- will be resolved.

The school board failed miserably when it never fully realized the extent of Van Tassel's reign of terror and bullying principles. One thing that really stands out to the public is the attacks against those individuals who opposed Van Tassel's deviant behavior.

There can be no vote of confidence for those members of the school board who blatantly disregarded the real cancer in our schools; a few unruly students who knew full well that there would be no disciplinary action for behavior that should have gotten them suspended indefinitely.

For us to gloat over Van Tassel's employment severance will not solve the remaining problems, but a conscientious effort to locate a very qualified and willing replacement might take more than several months to achieve success.

In the meantime there needs to be some behavioral discipline restored to the students in our buildings and a strengthening in the morale of our teachers who dedicate themselves to the next generation of citizens who will soon be faced with the prospects of adulthood and hopefully not incarceration in our penitentiaries.

Concerned,  
William Allen

CeJay Marshall  
Van Buren Township

**The Golden Rule**

To the Editor:

Re: Belleville Independent, 2/18/16, Vol. 22.7, "Exit Interview: I may be the first victim of Van Tassel's bullying"

I have read over and over the EXIT commentary of a courageous young mathematics educator and know that I have sinned to allow this tragedy to happen

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to my fellow man. He, too, followed the rules for the betterment of discipline and responsibility, only to find out the rules were foul without backing.

He lost faith in an administrator who then set out to crucify him. Now, when I think how I did my civic duty in electing a board of education and expecting them to speak and administer our constitutional rights for all individuals, they misled by approving the right of the superintendent who they hired to run the ship in an orderly, humane way, only to result into a catastrophe.

It is now a time for those individuals who are responsible to step down and allow a healing to begin. *You have failed us. I witness, God judges.*

For those who do not agree, I leave it to their conscience.

A Van Buren Township Christian  
G. Bitnar

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive -- to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."  
Marcus Aurelius

## Dangerous intersection in Van Buren Township

To the Editor:

The most-dangerous intersection in Van Buren Township is Savage Road and Haggerty.

People coming off Savage almost never come to a full stop. I've almost broad-sided cars at least two times while traveling south on Haggerty, once on my Harley, which could very easily have been fatal to me.

There are hedges on the northwest side of Savage Road that block the view of the traffic coming off Savage; I have seen several accidents there. Savage Road and Haggerty is a suicide intersection.

Concerned,  
William Allen

## Welcome to Michigan!

To the Editor:

Welcome to Michigan!

If you like bad roads, welcome to Michigan.

If you like stupid politics and corrupt politicians, come to Michigan.

If you like bankrupt counties, Wayne County for example or bankrupt cities, such as the largest bankruptcy in history (Detroit), come to Michigan.

If you like failing schools, don't blame the teachers, they have nothing to work with. Instead, they often have broken-down buildings, students that are taught nothing at home and don't even show up to class.

If you like all this and more, WELCOME TO MICHIGAN!

And don't ask me to leave; fix it, politicians!

Chet Thurston, 98  
World War II Veteran  
Belleville

## More Letters

### Kevin McNamara for VBT Supervisor

To the Editor:

My perception on the state of affairs in VBT in this election year is that of extreme dissatisfaction with the current board and its actions/inactions on certain issues relevant to the public interests; I would then propose that Kevin McNamara should run for VBT Supervisor for the following reasons:

1. He is an experienced leader;
2. To my knowledge, he is not responsible for violating anyone's Civil Rights, nor causing his office to be sued for it;
3. He has good connections to County officeholders and, as such, might be instrumental in getting our roads and bridges fixed/rebuilt, especially that bridge at French Landing. (I have some ideas on this and would invite Mr. McNamara to hear them.)
4. Proper oversight of his underlings is entirely his MO, and that should be the top priority in selecting anyone for positions on the VBT. And he chooses his appointees well.

This "nomination" falls short of an outright endorsement from me, which will only be given subject to the following promises, to the electorate, from any candidates for VBT offices in this critical election year:

1. Restructuring, clean-up, and streamlining of the VBT Dept. of Public Safety, which will include doing away with the VBT Board master-minded "blended rate" policy (which led to the Floro Fiasco) and removing the

Ordinance Enforcement division from under police/Public Safety (the Bevins case) (with more cases pending). This should include the firing of certain current irresponsible employees.

2. Promising REAL action on preserving local/Van Buren/Belleville History, instead of tearing down a historical farmhouse (Riggs House, at Huron River Dr. and Martinsville) which was promised to be a "Heritage Park." It seems the current Board wishes to

disregard its policy of "keeping the south half rural" and proceeding with some apparently "non-transparent" plans which have not been publicly discussed. And breaking another promise -- but it wouldn't be the first time; does anyone remember the Robbe Farm? There's still a plaque on that rock.

3. Thoroughly examining the idea of a local wastewater treatment plant and water supply. The idea is to get those public services away from the sinking County Ship and under local

control and responsibility. (I would invite Kevin McNamara to discuss this subject, as well.)

4. Promise that the Visteon Bond issue will not be repeated. The idea of taxpayer financial liability for private or corporate interests should be prohibited.

This is the way I see things.

From the Heart of the River,  
James Forrest Chapman

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## Obituaries



Lawrence W. Ard

### LAWRENCE W. ARD

(January 26, 1918 – February 14, 2016)

Mr. Lawrence W. Ard passed away Sunday, February 14, 2016 at his home. He was born on January 26, 1918 in Glasgow, Kentucky a son of Cyrenus Waite and Nora Alma (Worthington) Ard. In 1940 he married Marcellus Sears and together they had 3 children. On January 7, 1971 he was married to Star Louise Dickerson in Hawaii. Both wives preceded him in death. Mr. Ard had been a resident of Belleville since his late teens.

Mr. Ard proudly served his country in the Kentucky National Guard and the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant during WWII. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, United Airline Retirement Club, V.F.W., former Van Buren Firefighter, and St. Anthony Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and rebuilding old Mustangs. He also loved to travel and collect maps. Prior to his retirement in 1980 he had been employed by United Airlines as an electrician for many years.

Mr. Ard was the loving father of Dianne Ard, Jody Ihlenfeldt and Timothy (Elizabeth) Ard. Dear grandfather of 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Brother of David (Lovetta) Ard. Preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 2-8 P.M. with a Rosary at 6 P.M. at Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Funeral liturgy was on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 11 A.M. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville with final visitation beginning at 10:30 A.M. at the church. Burial followed at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. The family suggested memorial contributions to the Huron River V.F.W. Post 4434, P.O. Box 994, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in lieu of flowers.

### CLARENCE BROWN, JR.

(December 17, 1931 – February 8, 2016)

"Brownie," age 84 of Ypsilanti Township. Survived by wife Paula Ann. Memorial service set for Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville. Memorials to FMAR. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home.

### LAURA LEE BUDAI

(August 1, 1979 – February 13, 2016)

Age 36 of Belleville. Daughter of Duane and Luanne Budai; sister of Michael and Andrew; aunt of Megan, Ryan, Drew, Caden and Reese; cousin of Thresa (Alex) and their daughter Kyle. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Road.



Eugene Leroy Henry

### EUGENE LEROY HENRY

(March 27, 1936 – February 20, 2016)

Age 79, of Van Buren Township.

Eugene is the beloved husband of Ruth Ann for 56 wonderful years; dear father of Denise (Johnny) Esposito, Dale (Lori) Henry, Daniel (Melanie) Henry, Dawn (Charles Jr.) Halstead, Donita (Clayton) Farnsworth and Dominic (Caitlin) Henry. Mr. Henry is also survived by twenty-eight grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren; sister Bonnie Smith and the "family baby", dog Heidi.

Sadly, he is preceded in death by his son Darrel, who died in 2003.

Born March 27, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan, Eugene and his family moved to the Belleville area in 1971. An active member of Metro Baptist Church, he was known as the "Bus Captain" for his dedication for driving church members from the Detroit area to Belleville for services at Metro Baptist. He performed this ministry for twenty-five years. He also enjoyed following Detroit Tigers baseball, University of Michigan football, keeping a close eye on the stock market, and time with his grandchildren. A funeral ceremony celebrating Eugene's life was held at 1 PM, Wednesday, February 24 at Metro Baptist Church, 47100 N. Interstate 94 Service Drive. Interment will follow Thursday morning at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Visiting hours were 2 until 8 PM Tuesday and 11 AM until the time of service Wednesday. All visitations and services will be held at the church. Arrangements were by the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Sign his on-line guest book at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the church.

### Correction: We listed one library employee twice

In the Feb. 18 edition of this paper in the listing of library salaries on page 17, we inadvertently listed Michelle Wloch twice.

She is Circulation Supervisor and her listing under Administration is the correct salary. Her listing under librarians as well should be deleted. That salary is incorrect.

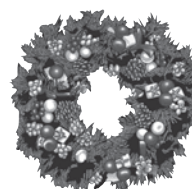
We apologize for the mix-up.

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

### Belleville Chorus sets fund raiser: Baked Potato Dinner

The Belleville Community Chorus invites everyone to enjoy its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Baked Potato Dinner fund raiser on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

This meal will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. For a \$5 donation, it includes a large baked potato with a choice of favorite toppings, plus a beverage and dessert. All proceeds go to support the chorus.



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# Van Tassel

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and camera crews from channels 2 and 4 and a reporter from *The Detroit News*.

After the board went back into open session at 7:54 p.m., board vice president Martha Toth made the motion to approve the Superintendent Separation Agreement and the motion was seconded by Trustee Alison Bennett. It later was approved unanimously.

In a long statement, Toth explained why she made the motion even though she rates Van Tassel as highly effective and someone who had done more for this district than anyone else.

"A group of people has said in person and in writing they will not stop until Van Tassel is gone, and I believe them," Toth said, pointing out the cost to the community of the turmoil.

She said the community's reputation is in tatters and the news media doesn't care about the community. It will take a decade to recover, meanwhile the district will be losing students, which will mean cuts and layoffs. She said the students and teachers are in turmoil.

Toth called the situation "this utter debacle" and invited people to run for this board and put the needs of the children first ... "better than this board has been able to do."

Members of the audience clapped and whooped at her invitation to run for the board.

Instead of blaming the community, Trustee Frazier said, "The tragedy of what we've gone through as a district lies at this board table." The audience applauded.

"A superintendent was exclusive, not inclusive," Frazier said. "He did not get input from the staff or this board. Mr. Van Tassel is a victim of his making ... poor decisions."

She said the school board has a responsibility to the taxpayers to get the information on the schools themselves and not rely on what is fed to them from an administrative point of view.

Frazier said that many positive things Secretary Kevin English and Toth said about the district weathering problems is true and it's because, "We have a community that supports our school."

Then the public started giving comments, beginning with Gunesha Frederick, a 14-year teacher in the district whose resignation became final last week.

She told of how her classroom was moved eight times in three years and her classroom was moved twice in one week's time. She said Van Tassel's secretary Pam Johnson called her once to say she had three weeks before her room was dissolved.

After all of these moves she said she found she was not wanted in the district, and she consulted an attorney. When he asked what she wanted, she said she wanted change and he said he didn't want change because the Van Buren Schools had put his kids through college.

That's when her anxiety disorder kicked in with a loss of hearing. She thanked the attorney for his time and took days to recover.

"Everybody wants change now," Frederick said. "This community wants change ... I have a voice."

She said for a year and a half she has been free of anxiety and depression, but now the nightmares have come back.

"Do not dummy down requirements for your superintendent and administrators," Frederick urged the board.

Tammy Mida Kennedy then spoke about her new master's degree arriving last week and it was not for teaching, but another specialty in academics.

"All I ever wanted to do was to be a teacher ... Return to my school and teach," Kennedy said, adding on Dec. 14, 2012 she left her teaching position in the Van Buren district because of the toxic atmosphere.

She said she taught seventh-grade English under a constant, pressurized supervision from Van Tassel. At one point she found Van Tassel and a consultant looking around

in her room. She was being told she was being watched. She said her students asked, "Who is that man in the back of the classroom and why is he staring at you?"

Kennedy said her administrator, who also left the district, told her she had a target on her back.

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The **Van Buren Soccer Association** is hosting open registration on Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at **Bethany Bible Church** on East Huron River Drive in Belleville. Players interested in meeting their respective coaches for the upcoming season can attend the association's **Meet the Coach Day** on March 12, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the **Wayne County Community College Haggerty Road Campus**. A fun clinic will also take place for the players. Call **(734) 649-2454**.

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This month's **Yankee Air Museum Historical Presentation Night** is Wednesday, March 2, and will feature **Randy Hotton's Building the Willow Run Plant**, a visual presentation and preview of Willow Run, the new book coming out soon from **Arcadia Publishing** and written by Hotton and **Michael W. R. Davis**. The story is about how Ford Motor Company auto plant was transformed into the assembly home of the legendary B-24 Liberator bomber during WWII, employing thousands of women and other workers. The event is free and will get under way at 7:30 p.m. inside the General Purpose Room at the museum. Call **(734) 483-4030**.

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The Belleville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 has started its Community Service Project for the year: "Operation Torn and Tattered." VBT Quartermaster Adjutant Ross Medaus holds up an example of a torn and tattered flag that the post will replace with a free, brand-new flag for local people calling in. VFW Commander Robert Krouse, at right, holds one of the packaged, new flags they will be swapping for the old flag, which will be properly retired by burning. People wishing to take advantage of the flag swap are invited to call the VFW Post at (734) 697-0505 and leave a clear message, repeating slowly the name of the caller and the phone number. A VFW member will return the call and make arrangements for the swap.



# Van Tassel

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"I wrote my resignation letter, which was somehow misplaced," Kennedy said, adding a thank you to Frazier, "for bringing back respect to the classroom."

Michael Gentz asked if Van Tassel, in his new position as consultant, would have access to the district's electronic communication and got no answer. He said this district is not the place for a new teacher yet.

He said he disagreed with Toth's complaint about signs, picketing, and shirts teaching the wrong message to students.

"My kids see that and learn that anything they want they can fight for," Gentz said. "They are learning that these people are standing up for what they think is right."

Mary Hoff said that on the night Van Tassel was hired to be superintendent of schools, she spoke to the board. She said she was retired so she didn't have to worry about retribution.

Hoff said teachers had asked her to speak for them since the teachers felt not respected and intimidated. She said she called other teachers and they also had concerns about Van Tassel as superintendent.

She said one teacher did say Van Tassel might be good because he has organization skills.

"I have continued to hear from many teachers and they feel intimidated and disrespected by gestapo techniques," Hoff said.

She said she remembers telling the board that if they hire Van Tassel they will destroy the teachers' morale and will destroy the district.

She said the only person on the school board who questioned the move was Trustee Frazier who said, "I think we should have interviewed more people for this job."

Hoff said, at the time, Toth said she was sure that the teachers who left had not been doing an effective job. Toth tried to deny that, but Hoff insisted that is what Toth said at the December 2011 meeting.

After business matters were concluded, about a dozen more people spoke, including John Winter who asked the board to fire Pam Johnson, Van Tassel's secretary, for asking her Facebook friends to boycott Egan's Pub because he spoke his mind at a meeting.

Mikulski repeated to everyone that the board would not answer questions and the audience was not happy, insisting that the board should talk to the people.

Scott Russell criticized the board's blind

obedience to the administration and said, "You have an obligation to the community ... Do what you're supposed to do. Consider this your notice."

Another man said he was insulted by Toth saying there was a divided community. "It insults me... What you did tonight was because of a united community coming together. You took the first step."

Frazier asked that the next work study meeting be a special meeting so action could be taken to cease the M-Step investigation and return the five teachers to their classrooms. She said the district has already paid \$50,000 in attorney fees for this investigation that will only go up in cost. She said the instability in the classrooms is incredible with substitutes trying to fill in.

"To start the healing process in this community and move forward as a district, put the teachers back in the classrooms where they belong," Frazier said.

In other business at the Feb. 22 meeting, the board:

- Accepted the resignations of teachers Heather Blankenship of Owen after 11 years for other employment; Jason Cooper from Savage/Rawsonville, after 3.5 years for other employment; Tiffany Martell of Owen after three years, leaving the profession; and Melanie O'Neil of BHS / McBride after five months, resigning to stay home with her children;

- Approved hiring of Maggi Bomalaski for BHS New Tech Math; Marcie Taylor for Owen Teacher Resource Room; Shirley Brezell as fifth grade teacher at Owen; and Marie Gaitien as music teacher at Savage;

- Approved resignations of BHS custodian James Nelson after 26 years, retired; transportation employees Sherry Hobson, 9 years, retired, Darlene Ehnis, 1 year, 4 months, resignation for personal reasons, Michelle Comparoni, 5 months, obtained other employment; and James Marcum, IT, after 19 years, obtained other employment;

- Hired Herbert Delgado and Caleb Kennedy for IT districtwide;

- Approved Owen's fifth grade field trip to Mackinac Island on May 11-12;

- Approved the Owner Representation Services contract with Plante Moran CRESA in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and

- Approved the second reading and final approval of board policy updates.



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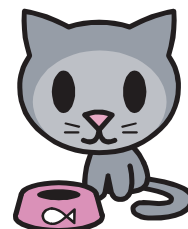
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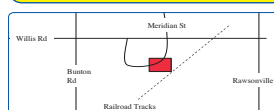


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they are not changing boundaries of the district. The last change to the plan was in 2006.

She said the drop in revenue in 2008 led the DDA to look at the income projected. She said the tax captures are only estimates through 2046.

She said the 1993 Victoria Commons bond was paid off in 2014.

Renaud said everything the DDA does

is pretty much beautification and the plan does not include building businesses. He said millions of dollars are spent in the district and short of building a city hall complex, he doesn't know what they will spend all that money on.

"The DDA doesn't give anything for

police and fire and the city has laid off most of the DPW Department," Renaud said. "I think the city is hand-cuffing itself."

"As long as almost half of the city's money ... will be in the DDA over the next five years, the city will find itself handcuffed," Renaud said.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, said the DDA has bonds out there that rely on the revenue stream. And, the city would risk losing the \$300,000 of taxes if it did away with the DDA.

"We have no real way of getting big-ticket items, such as a fire truck," said Fire Chief Brian Loranger. "I have a 26-year-old fire truck. We used to have a vehicle fund, which closed down when we got our last truck."

Mayor Conley said, with a big smile, that the DDA made a capital contribution to the city, but it did not purchase the fire truck because that isn't allowed.

"I can keep asking," Chief Loranger said.

Renaud stated he was not anti-DDA, and, "I'm just trying to see a balance."

"We've done a lot to get our community ready and people want to see development," said Mayor Conley. "The economy has not been on our side."

Councilman Tom Fielder made the motion to accept the amendment as presented, Councilman Tom Smith seconded and the council unanimously passed the motion.

In other business at the Feb. 16 meeting, the council:

- Heard a report on the audit of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 by James Wilde of Alan C. Young & Associates that showed a city living within its means and trying to stay within the budget. He said expenses were down and revenue was up. "Every department came in under budget with no line items over," Wilde said. "That is extremely rare." Revenue was \$2,325,713, expenditures \$2,063,650 and fund balance at the end of the year was \$1,024,017;

- Approved Central Business Community's requests to hold Flop E. Bunny's visit at Victory Park from noon to 2 p.m., March 26, and the Taste of Belleville after the Bridge Walk on Aug. 18. The CBC request to hold Booville at Fourth Street Square the whole month of October was not considered, since it had no details at all. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the council will be considering a resolution to hold Booville in the city for the month of October;

- Approved the Belleville Strawberry Festival 2016 Responsibility Policy, Administrative Policy, and the Chamber of Commerce's plans for Strawberry Festival carnivals, with slight adjustments;

- Approved the widening of the Wolverine pipeline swathe by adding another 16" pipe 48" deep, taking up 50' of the easement instead of 33' and clearing of trees in the easement, which is on city property behind Harbour Pointe subdivision and the high school. The city is offered \$2,520 and private property owners have been approached as well. The 35 mile long pipeline goes from Freedom Township to

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# Lake Ordinance

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"You've wasted our time," called out a man.

Best said a lawful existing structure is a structure currently in place that meets what's in this ordinance.

The crowd was getting noisy and a woman said she had a scanned copy of her file from the last time she sued the township and today the papers in her file are different.

Jessie Marcotte, a member of the Belleville Planning Commission, asked if the city of Belleville was involved, since the ordinance applies to those on the lake in the city.

Best said the township has not involved the city council or the planning commission, but they talked to those who live on the lake.

Sloan said the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals would handing appeals and variance requests for the ordinance and would approve special exceptions.

At 58 minutes into the meeting, questions were invited.

"I read the lawsuit and I disagree with your interpretation," a woman said, referring to Sloan's comment that a judge said the township needed consistent, clear standards.

Will Hawley came to the front of the room and introduced himself as an attorney who has lived in the township for 24 years and now is Homeowners Association treasurer at Mission Pointe.

He said he went to the BYC meeting and said they were told a falsehood.

He said he represented Thines in the 1992 Thines v. VBT et al lawsuit for a short period of time and then found he was in over his head and passed it on to another attorney.

"No judge can order a government to pass a law," Hawley stated.

"The township should have rules where the township binds the township, not the people," he said.

This is a 23-year-old case and no way should it be used as the reason for this ordinance, Hawley said.

"Have we ever been fined by FERC?" Hawley asked, referring to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that has jurisdiction over Belleville Lake because

of French Landing Dam. Hawley said he knows FERC did an inspection in 2014.

The township is using FERC as one of the reasons it has to have an ordinance.

Sloan said a representative of FERC met with the township and they went around the lake and the township answered questions.

"We do have a relationship," Sloan said.

Sloan said FERC sent a letter and said it would come on a certain day.

Hawley said the FERC and Thines excuses for the ordinance are both false.

Hawley said this is a 23-year-old opinion from a judge and too much power has been given to McKenna Associates.

The township said first reason for writing the ordinance is to promote the status quo and Hawley said to promote the status quo they should just throw the ordinance in the trash.

He said he had petitions against the ordinance and later set up a place in the hall where people signed.

He repeated the township gives too much

power to McKenna Associates and he asked Sloan what his hourly rate was.

"I'm not going to talk about that," Sloan replied. "I'm a principal planner and the rates are on file."

"We've paid a ton of money and we're not going to pay it anymore," Hawley said.

It was noted that this is the fourth version of the lake ordinance put forth and McKenna wrote them all.

The evening continued with many questions from angry owners of lakeside property.

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next to Metro Airport in Romulus and goes through Van Buren Township. Attorney Hitchcock said they probably will wait to begin installing the pipe until they've got permission to cut across Romulus property near the DPW/Animal Shelter;

- Heard a report from Councilwoman Kim Tindall that the committee that was assigned to review the Animal Control Ordinance has met and recommends the city not change the ordinance;

- Approved \$119,275.50 in accounts payable and the following in excess of \$500: ES&S, election coding, general fund, \$1,554.96; Fuller Appraisal, municipal property, general fund, \$9,000; John E. Reid & Associates, training, police budget, \$770; Oakland Co. Treasurer, quarterly payment, police budget, \$2,495; SLC, inventory replacement, water department, \$1,719.40; and Wayne Co. Accounts Receivable, Dickerson Facility, police budget, \$1,050; and

- Went into closed-door session with attorney Hitchcock to consider the purchase of real property prior to obtaining an option or lease.

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# City of Belleville Public Notice



**CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
Notice of adoption  
Ordinance No. 16-001**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-001  
APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE  
BELLEVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") has previously prepared and recommended for approval a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Original Plan") which was approved by the City Council of the City of Belleville (the "City") pursuant to Ordinance 93-292 adopted on December 20, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved an amendment to the Original Plan pursuant to Ordinance 09-003 adopted on May 18 2009 (the "Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval an amendment attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Plan Amendment") to the Amended Plan for the Development Area in the Downtown District within the City; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, the City Council held a public hearing on the Plan Amendment pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions subject to capture in the Downtown District an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan Amendment, as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the Plan Amendment, the City Council has determined to approve the Plan Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ORDAINS:

1. Findings.

(a) The Plan Amendment meets the requirements set forth in the Act.

(b) The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.

(c) The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

(d) The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Plan Amendment and the purposes of the Act in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.

(e) The development plan portion of the Plan as amended by the Plan Amendment is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the City.

(f) Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the project area.

(g) Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Plan Amendment, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the City.

2. Public Purpose. The City Council hereby determines that the Plan Amendment and the Plan, as amended, constitute a public purpose.

3. Best Interest of the Public. The City Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the Plan Amendment in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Downtown District.

4. Approval and Adoption of Plan Amendment. The Plan Amendment is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Plan Amendment and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk's office.

5. Amendment to Ordinance Number; Conflict and Severability. Ordinance No. 09-003, of the City of Belleville is hereby amended by this Ordinance. All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of the Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of the Ordinance.

6. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of the Ordinance.

7. Publication and Recordation. The Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the Belleville Area Independent, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.

8. Effective Date. The Ordinance is hereby determined by the City Council to be immediately necessary for the interests of the City and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATES

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 16-001, duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Belleville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 16, 2016, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by such Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting Council Members Fielder, Loria, Smith, Tindall and Mayor Conley and that No Members were absent.

I further certify that Member Fielder moved adoption of said Ordinance and Member Smith supported said motion.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance Council Members, Fielder, Loria, Smith, Tindall and Mayor Conley and that No Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 16-001 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on February 16, 2016 and will become effective on February 26, 2016. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 16-001 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Lisa Long  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: February 25, 2016



# **City of Belleville Public Notice**

## **CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734-697-9323.

Lisa Long  
City Clerk

Publish: February 25, 2016

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

## **VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

### **NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 8th, Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
(Organizational Meeting)

**No Appeals Heard at this Meeting**

March 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT**

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 16, 2016.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 15, 2016.**

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

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Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 18, 2016  
Thursday, February 25, 2016  
Thursday, March 3, 2016

# **Sumpter Township Public Notice**

## **TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST**

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 8, 2016 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on March 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road  
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

Publish: February 25, 2016

# **Sumpter Township Public Notice**

## **TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given, that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in this County Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at which time the following will be voted upon:

Republican and Democrats running for office of President of the United States.

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday March 5, 2016 from 8 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day if he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

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Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1 20550 Sumpter Road
Precinct 5	Bessie Hoffman School 50700 Willow Road

The polls of said Presidential Primary Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

Publish: February 25, 2016





# City of Belleville Public Notice



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## Birthdays

February 26 – Doree Juchartz  
February 27 – Kay (Carol) Meyer  
March 1 – Joanne Roberson, Jennifer Price  
March 3 – Debbie McFall, Chris Dunt  
March 4 – Kitty Chudzinski



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes February 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Absent/Excused
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

**Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to excuse member Fielder.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

#### COMMENTS

Bill Van Winkle of Canton Lions Club was present to ask for support for the new Belleville Area Lions Club.

#### 4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 19, 2016 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

##### A. Proposed Downtown Development & TIF Plan 2015 Amendment – Taxing Jurisdictions Comments Only

Taxing jurisdictions were not present to discuss the Belleville DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan 2015 Amendment.

##### B. Ford Mercury Restorers Club of America

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-004** to approve FMRCOA/Return to Belleville event to be held on July 15, 2016. Main Street to be closed from Second to Fifth Streets from 5-9 P.M. with no parking on Liberty Street.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

##### C. Belleville Area District Library – Presentation

BADL board members and architect Dan Whisler was present to give a presentation on the plans for a new two-story library at Fourth and Charles Streets.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-005** to create a subcommittee consisting of two members of City Council, Planning Commission Chairman, DPS Director Keith Tackett and City Attorney to work with the library on land parcels and other details for the new library.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

##### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-006**, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

##### 10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

##### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: February 16, 2016

Published: February 25, 2016

## CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – MARCH 8, 2016

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, March 8, 2016.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST. Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Polling place location is handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

The March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

### Republican Candidates

Jeb Bush	John R. Kasich
Ben Carson	George Pataki
Chris Christie	Rand Paul
Ted Cruz	Marco Rubio
Carly Fiorina	Rick Santorum
Lindsey Graham	Donald J. Trump
Mike Huckabee	Uncommitted

### Democratic Candidates

Hillary Clinton  
Roque Rocky De La Fuente  
Formerly: (Roque De La Fuente)  
Martin J. O'Malley  
Bernie Sanders  
Uncommitted

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Lisa Long,  
City Clerk

Publish: February 25, 2016

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – MARCH 8, 2016

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Presidential Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, March 8, 2016.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty Elementary School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Owen Intermediate School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

The March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Van Buren for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

### PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

#### Republican Candidates

Marco Rubio	Ted Cruz
Rick Santorum	Carly Fiorina
Donald J. Trump	Lindsey Graham
Jeb Bush	Mike Huckabee
Ben Carson	John R. Kasich
Chris Christie	George Pataki
Rand Paul	Uncommitted

#### Democratic Candidates

Roque Rocky De La Fuente  
(Formerly: Roque De La Fuente)  
Martin J. O'Malley  
Bernie Sanders  
Hillary Clinton  
Uncommitted

A sample of the ballot may be obtain at the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or on the Township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org). Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the March 8, 2016 Election is Saturday, March 5, 2016 until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Publish: 2-25-2016

Posted: 1/4/2016



## Trinity Church sets annual Wild Game Dinner for March 5

Trinity Episcopal Church at 11575 Belleville Rd will hold its second-annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 5.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will support the church's J2A high school youth group's pilgrimage trip to the Dominican Republic on June 27-July 4.

Along with food and fellowship, there will also be door and raffle prizes, silent auctions, local vendor booths, and a presentation by outdoor enthusiast and inspirational speaker Randy Herlein from Twin Lakes, MI.

Tickets are available in advance by calling (734) 777-2845 or at the door. Adult tickets are \$30 each, with those 6-12 paying \$15, and children under five eating free.

## District Library bringing back computer classes in March

The Belleville Area District Library is bringing back its computer classes at the end of March.

Topics include computer basics, an introduction to internet browsing, and a workshop on cloud computing using Google Drive.

For dates and details, view the library's events calendar.

Participants must register in person at the library and leave a \$5 cash deposit per class to reserve their space. Registration opens Feb. 29. The library also offers a Gadgets Guru service where people may sign up for a 45-minute private session to bring in their new equipment and learn how to use it.

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

### TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program is scheduled for March 8, 2016 at the Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 11:30 a.m. For the purpose of:

Receiving comments and suggestions regarding the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant program. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate income residents.

The following is the estimate allocation for 2016-2017 funds:

Administration (21A):	\$ 8,116.05
Senior Services (grass/snow) (05):	\$ 12,300.00
Housing Rehabilitation (14A):	\$ 20,000.00
Demolitions (04):	\$ 40,744.48

Total 2016-2017 CDBG Projects \$ 81,160.53

Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services in using public facilities, services or program along with further information is available by contacting the Supervisor of the Township of Sumpter at 734-461-6201 ext 2229.

Published: February 25, 2016

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING



The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 15, 2016 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Please call (734)697-9323 ext. 7014 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance. Letters must be received by March 15, 2016

Lisa Long,  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: February 25, 2016  
March 3, 2016

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**734-513-4108**  
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ROOMMATE WANTED in Huron Township. \$350/mo. plus utilities. (734) 787-7729 3/3

## Road analysis comes up with millage of 9.24 or 13.07 for city st. work

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its Feb. 16 meeting, the Belleville City Council reviewed a Road Bond Analysis of how much taxpayers would have to pay to have all the city streets fixed.

Council members expressed shock that the millage could be 13.07 mills for 10 years or 9.24 mills for 15 years to raise the more than \$10 million needed to do the job.

That would be annual cost per household of \$704 for 10 years or \$498 for 15 years.

Cost over the term of the millage would be \$7,044 over 10 years or \$7,473 over 15 years.

This is based on a project cost of \$9,005,357 plus 2.5% interest.

"It's not pretty," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer of the Road Bond Analysis.

"It could be more if interest goes up," noted Councilwoman Kim Tindall.

"We need community input," said Councilman Tom Fielder.

Mrs. Dalton said the project includes no alleys in the city and the alley behind her property on South Street is badly deteriorated. She said the city is looking at spending \$9 million and this one area is in the top five or the worst roads in the city.

She said the alley behind the doctor's office, between Wabash and Davis, was the only alley that wasn't improved when the city was doing alleys a few years back.

DPW Director Keith Tackett said there is a roto rooter snake struck down in a sewer coming from the former insurance office in that area and they will have to dig a big hole there in the spring.

Mike Renaud suggested they have the Downtown Development Authority do all the streets in the DDA district. Let the DDA bond for those streets and that would lower the millage for the rest of the city.

"We did some street fixing in the DDA district and the DDA said they couldn't afford it, so the city paid," said Councilwoman Tindall.

Tackett said, also, he is expecting a 15% across the board paving increase this spring.

Cindy Thomas suggested they add bike lanes on Main Street and High Street as part of the street project.

"We'd have to levy a mill for that," said Mayor Kereen Conley.

Tackett said the Iron Bell Trail is a state trail that will be heading into Belleville along East Huron River Drive to North Liberty and to the Belleville Road Bridge, but it would require no parking on the west side of Liberty. He said some money from the state is available for this.

Councilman Fielder made a motion to set up an informational meeting first and then a town hall meeting. The public information meeting will be at a time to be determined and perhaps could be held at the high school so there would be enough room for a crowd.

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call (734) 697-1800 TFN

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HAIR DRESSER with clientele wanted at Karen's Place Salon, 36968 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI (734) 753-9130 3/3

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 546 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, Feb. 14:**  
0056 – assault & battery, Hannan/Huron  
0131 – noise complaint, Melody Ln.  
0548 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.  
0853 – assault & battery, Winding Pond  
0915 – hospice, Savage Rd.  
0935 – agency assist, Biggs  
1042 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1114 – mental, Hoeft Rd./Bog Rd.  
1254 – harassment call, S. Belldridge Dr.  
1259 – property damage accident, Belleville  
1352 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.  
1620 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2101 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.  
/ Tyler Rd.

**Monday, Feb. 15:**  
0741 – fraud, Willow Run  
0831 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
Bog Rd.  
0944 – property damage accident, National RV  
0948 – intimidation threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1259 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1316 – water leak found, Van Buren St.  
1350 – harassment call, Chaney Ave.  
1431 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1455 – missing person, Lindsey Dr.  
1528 – larceny, Hamlin St.  
1630 – traffic hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94  
Service Dr.  
2103 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.  
2219 – suspicious vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2242 – intimidation threat, Ironwood Dr.  
2334 – shots fired, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16:**  
0006 – shots fired, Rawsonville/dead end  
1032 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.  
1124 – mental, Fairbanks St.  
1340 – mental, Lake Point Blvd.  
1347 – breaking & entering, Hannan Rd.  
1404 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /  
N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1508 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. /  
Alden Ave.  
1532 – property damage accident, Van Born /  
Haggerty  
1709 – larceny, Oak  
1821 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler Rd.  
2117 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17:**  
0003 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
0155 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.  
0419 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.  
0553 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. /  
Denton Rd.  
0648 – larceny from auto, Westlake  
0745 – agency assist, Bayshore Dr.  
0849 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. /  
Visteon Way  
1019 – missing person, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1415 – agency assist, Ecorse  
1712 – fraud, Parkwood Manor  
1747 – animal bite, Maurice Dr.  
2146 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.  
2318 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.

**Thursday, Feb. 18:**  
0048 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0422 – suspicious person, W. Huron River Dr. /  
Elwell Rd.  
0722 – E-911 cellular, W. Huron River Dr.  
0819 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /  
Van Buren Plaza  
0828 – breaking & entering, Dos Pesos  
1125 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.  
1157 – ordinance violation, Walden Ct.  
1313 – weapons violation, Grove  
1350 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service  
1402 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1523 – fraud, Hanover Dr.  
1546 – agency assist, Belleville  
1644 – water leak found, Sumpter Rd.  
1922 – suspicious situation, The Meadows  
2039 – assault & battery, Belleville  
2129 – assault & battery, Alden Ave.

2219 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2255 – assault & battery, N. Timberview Dr.  
2307 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.,  
cancelled  
**Friday, Feb. 19:**  
0310 – mental, Tyler Rd.  
0747 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. /  
Haggerty Rd.  
0829 – suicide or attempt, Bemis Rd.  
0901 – E-911 cellular, Dunn Rd.  
1045 – malicious destruction of property, N.  
Ponderosa Trl.  
1327 – E-911 cellular, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1359 – larceny, Hull Rd.  
1440 – suspicious person, Wheatgrass Ln.  
1447 – E-911 cellular, Belleville Rd.  
1451 – private property accident, Van Born  
1555 – missing person, Belle Pointe Dr.  
1717 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.  
1731 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service  
Dr.

1845 – shots fired, Richmond Dr.  
1915 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd /  
S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2036 – agency assist, Hannan Rd.  
2221 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.  
2248 – sexual assault, Old Michigan Rd.

**Saturday, Feb. 20:**  
0216 – assault & battery, Marlowe Ave.  
0944 – dumping complaint, Michigan Ave. / Denton  
Rd.  
1001 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.  
1007 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1038 – hospice, Waters Edge Ln.  
1208 – traffic hazard, N. Service/Quirk  
1626 – malicious destruction of property, Barkley  
St.  
1630 – agency assist, South/Henry  
1656 – private property accident, Denton Rd.  
1835 – fraud, Wildrye Ct.  
1954 – suicide or attempt, Tyler Rd.  
2149 – mental, Western St.  
2217 – mental, Western St.

Also on this week's log are 143 traffic stops, 41 of  
which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Feb. 14:**  
0031 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0934 – domestic assault, Biggs Ave.  
1952 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.

**Monday, Feb. 15:**  
0809 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.  
0956 – disorderly conduct, McBride  
0956 – disorderly conduct, McBride  
0956 – narcotics crime, McBride  
1647 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.  
2337 – suspicious vehicle, Light Tower Dr.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16:**  
0831 – mental, W. Columbia Ave.  
0923 – disorderly conduct, Henry St.  
1436 – property damage accident, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1935 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2130 – private property accident, W. Columbia  
Ave.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17:**  
0122 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0123 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0213 – suspicious vehicle, E. Waterbury Ct.  
0709 – suspicious situation, Biggs Ave.  
0845 – property damage accident, S. Edgemont Ave.  
/ Robbe St.  
0858 – traffic complaint, N. Liberty St./E. Huron  
River Dr.  
1438 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.,  
cancelled  
1559 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.  
1943 – vehicle lockout, Loza Ln.  
2138 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

**Thursday, Feb. 18:**  
0842 – abandoned auto, Main St.  
1204 – shots fired, High St.  
1254 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.  
1715 – weapons violation, Grove  
1815 – assist fire dept., Carmell  
1823 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1902 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.,  
cancelled

1956 – fraud, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
2022 – personal injury accident, Main St.  
2225 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.  
**Friday, Feb. 19:**  
0632 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0819 – serve warrant, Loza Ln.  
0903 – serve warrant, Martinsville  
0932 – intrusion alarm, Light Tower Dr.  
0957 – disorderly conduct, McBride  
0958 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.  
1152 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1211 – fraud, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1255 – E-911 cellular, San Carlos St.  
1516 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1548 – missing person, Bellepointe, cancelled  
1943 – assist fire dept., Dollar General  
2153 – information, N. Liberty St./First St.  
2351 – family trouble, Carmell

**Saturday, Feb. 20:**  
0101 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.  
0850 – breaking & entering, Santa Clara St.  
1042 – welfare check, Carmell St.  
1100 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.  
1502 – fraud, Victorian Ln.  
1820 – civil matter, Henry St.  
1859 – welfare check, Sumpter/Hull  
1924 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
2018 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian  
Ln.  
Also on this week's log are 35 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Feb. 14:**  
0104 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0837 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0945 – alarm, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1017 – warrant arrest pick up, 21000 bl. Sumpter  
1132 – fire dept. assist, Montana  
1518 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1836 – subpoena service, out of township

**Monday, Feb. 15:**  
0309 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
1118 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1125 – subpoena service, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1152 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster  
1346 – fraud investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1410 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1626 – identity theft complaint, 24000 bl.  
Martinsville Rd.  
1727 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1752 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1759 – warrant arrest pick up, 11000 bl. Rawsonville  
Rd.

1844 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1913 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2020 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16:**  
0327 – warrant arrest pick up, 25000 bl. Sumpter  
0745 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0818 – reckless driver, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1508 – fire dept. assist, Brookside  
1509 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1630 – harassment complaint, Arizona  
1735 – death investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
2317 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17:**  
1229 – larceny, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1255 – civil dispute, Timberlane  
1359 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico  
1823 – assist other agency, 14000 bl. Rawsonville  
**Thursday, Feb. 18:**  
0603 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0629 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter  
1057 – malicious destruction of property, 50000 bl.  
Judd Rd.

1341 – assault, Rustic Ln.  
1509 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.  
1619 – larceny, 47000 bl. Ward Rd.  
1840 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2132 – suspicious incident, California  
2258 – property damage accident, Sherwood /  
Arkona

**Friday, Feb. 19:**  
0606 – fire dept. assist, Sherwood/Arkona  
0627 – animal complaint, Elwell/Willis  
0925 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1021 – threats complaint, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1137 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

1325 – death investigation, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1404 – suspicious incident, Sherwood/Willow  
1738 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1929 – juvenile complaint, Delaware  
2045 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2238 – down wires, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2341 – juvenile complaint, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
**Saturday, Feb. 20:**  
0122 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Kozma  
1141 – fire dept. assist, Washington  
1207 – found property, Pecan

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up  
investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, and 220  
patrol checks.

# Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Feb. 25** – You're invited to  
the monthly general membership meeting  
of the Southwestern Wayne (County)  
Democratic Club at 7 p.m. at the Wayne  
County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road.

• **Thursday, Feb. 25** – Belleville Area  
Museum presents Ladies Fashion Show  
Night with Candy's Closet from 6-8 p.m.  
Try on vintage clothes. 697-1944

• **Saturday, Feb. 27** – Open registration  
for the Van Buren Community Soccer  
Association is from 10 a.m. to noon at  
Bethany.

• **Saturday, Feb. 27** – State Rep. Kristy  
Pagan invites you to have coffee with her at  
10 a.m. and to tell her your concerns. Meet  
her at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville  
Road, across from Meijer.

• **Saturday, Feb. 27** – Wine and Canvass  
benefit for the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 7  
p.m., at the fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road.  
\$35 per person to paint; \$10 per person to  
enjoy snacks furnished. Cash bar and drinks  
available. Pre-register by Feb. 24 at (734)  
277-9253.

• **Saturday, Feb. 27** – Baked Potato Dinner  
fund raiser for the Belleville Community  
Chorus from 4-7 p.m. at Open Arms Lutheran  
Church, 7865 Belleville Road. \$5 minimum  
donation, includes beverage and dessert.

• **Saturday, Feb. 27** – Belleville High  
School Jazz Band Spaghetti Dinner, 5-8 p.m.  
in the BHS Commons. \$8 per person


• **Saturday, March 5** – Sumpter Township  
Dog Clinic, 1-4 p.m. Rabies \$15; Parvo-  
Distemper Combo, \$22.

• **Wednesday, March 9** – Chicken Supper  
at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925  
Willow Road, New Boston, from 5 p.m. until  
sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is  
\$10 per person, with children 12 and under  
\$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes,  
green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw,  
dessert, beverage. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, March 10** – "Homegrown  
Knowledge" program at 7 p.m. at the  
Belleville Area District Library. Program  
is Carmen Stovall of Crafted Modern  
Handmade Boutique. Free.

• **Thursday, March 10** – Grief-recovery  
seminar and support group will meet at  
Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus each  
Thursday at 6 p.m. starting March 10. The  
church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron  
River Drive. A \$15 registration includes a  
workbook/journal and weekly handouts. For  
more information, call the church at (734)  
941-1511 or see [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).


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## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 29 – Special work/study meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 1 – Special meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7 p.m.
- Monday, March 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8 – Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Consultant Sloan, Public Safety Director Laurain, Deputy Director of Public Safety Wright and an audience of eleven.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of February 1, 2016; Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016; Prepaid List of February 5, 2016; Prepaid List of February 11, 2016; Voucher List of February 16, 2016; Purchase of the Barracuda Message Archiver 350; appointment of Byron Kelley to the BZA as the Planning Commission representative with a term expiring 10-1-17 and the appointment of Don Boynton as the alternate to the BZA for the Planning Commission with a term expiring 10-1-2017.] Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to receive public comment on the use of program year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion Carried. This is the first of two public hearings regarding CDBG funding levels for 2016. Proposed total allocation of funds for 2016 are estimated at \$163,896. The majority of funds, \$119,173, if approved, will be allocated to Public Facilities to make improvements to Van Buren Park. The balance allocated to Youth Services, Senior Services and Planning and Administration. No public comment was received. Jahr moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Service awards were presented to the following employees: Judy Fields (Building Inspector)-20 years, Louise Keele (Administration Support Sergeant)-20 years, Julie Jones (Dispatcher) -10 years and Alwena McCracken (Cable Director)-5 years.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the use of program year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (1) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV-Offenses Against Property, Division 2-Trespass, by adding Sec. 58-109-Prowling.

• Wednesday, March 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., VBT Hall.

• Thursday, March 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (optional) Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, March 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (2) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III-Offenses Against the Person, Sec. 58-69 Malicious Use of the Telephone. Sec. 58-69 to be re-titled Malicious use of Service Provider by Telecommunications Service Provider. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (3) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV-Offenses Against Property, Division 4-Theft, by adding Sec. 58-151 Burglar's Tools. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (4) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VI-Offenses Against Public Morals, Division 5 Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals, Sec. 58-293 Same Use. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (5) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 58-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VI-Offenses Against Public Morals, Division 5 Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals, Sec. 58-292-Controlled Substances-Possession; Penalties for Violation of Section. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (6) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 82 to be entitled-Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and adding Sec. 82-1-Operating While Intoxicated-High Blood Alcohol Content. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve of the first reading of Ordinance 2-16-16 (7) to amend the General Code Ordinance Chapter 90-Waterways, Article II-Boat and Water Safety, Division 3-Operating Requirements, Sec. 90-79 Operating of a Vessel while under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquors and/or Controlled Substances. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** November 2015 Budgetary Report was received. The report is available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright announced the March 8, 2016 Primary Election and encouraged registered voters who were interested in obtaining an absentee ballot to contact the Clerk's Office.

**NON AGENDA:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion Carried.

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